

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 2-4, 6, 9-18, 21, 24-29, 31, 32, 38-40 will be all of the claims pending the Examiner's consideration.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10, 11, 13, 15, 25, 29, 31, 32 and 38-40 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Of the pending claims, Claims 10, 11, 13, 15, 25, 29, 31, 32 38, 39, 40 have been amended to be in independent form and include all the limitations of now cancelled Claim 1, except for the limitation "[s]aid non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) ... having a boiling point of no less than 120°C," which was added per Applicants' last amendment and rejected by the Examiner per the outstanding Office Action. It is submitted, the inclusion of said limitation bears no effect to the allowability of the allowable claims, nor should the failure to include the same imply Applicants' agreement with the merits of the rejection. The remaining claims have all been amended to now depend from independent Claim 10.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the present amendments. Support for the amendments can be found generally throughout the Applicants' disclosure. Again, it should also be noted that this Amendment is not in acquiescence of the Office's position on the allowability of the claims but made merely to expedite prosecution.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that pending independent claims are fully distinguishable over the applied art and are thus in condition for allowance. By virtue of dependence from what is believed to be an allowable independent claim, it is respectfully submitted the remaining dependent claims are also presently allowable. Notice to the effect is earnestly solicited.

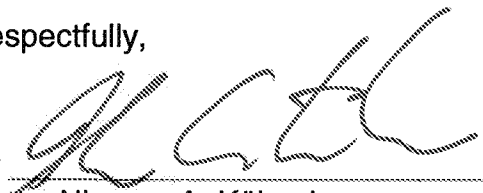
If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for an extension of time or those under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, which may be required by this paper, and/or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2527.

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